

CLAIM LISTINGS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application. Applicant has submitted a new complete claim set showing marked up claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts or double bracketing.

1. (Currently Amended) In a computing environment, a method comprising:
collecting settings data from a first group policy object applied to a first scope of management; ~~disparate set of stores;~~ and
collecting settings from a second group policy object applied to a second scope of management;
combining ~~processing~~ the settings into at least one markup language document according to a predefined schema;
displaying a report created from the markup language document; and
wherein only settings from configured settings are included in the displayed report.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the disparate set of stores comprise containers for the settings data of a group policy object.~~ a first setting from the first group policy object conflicts with a second setting from the second group policy object, the method further comprising:
resolving the conflict to determine whether the first setting or the second setting is a prevailing setting; and
identifying the prevailing setting in the displayed report.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~a markup language document comprises a HTML formatted document, and further comprising, rendering a~~

~~visible representation of the HTML-formatted document~~ the first scope of management and the second scope of management further comprises one of the following: a site; a domain; an organization unit.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[3]] 1 wherein ~~processing~~ combining the settings into at least one markup language document comprises generating an HTML-formatted document and the displaying a report further comprises displaying the HTML-formatted document.

5. – 9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~processing~~ combining the settings into at least one markup language document further comprises serializing [[the]] settings data into an XML-formatted document.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein serializing [[the]] settings data further comprises providing an XML schema and settings data to an XML serializer component.

12. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 1.

13.–15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) In a computing environment, a method comprising:
providing a schema that describes resultant set of policy settings; and
applying the schema to output a formatted version of the resultant set of policy settings that identifies configured settings and omits non-configured settings.
17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the schema comprises an XML schema.
18. (Currently Amended) A tangible computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claim 16.